

STOP SUBSIDIES TO OIL COMPANIES

The American people are being hosed at the pump. It's time to end oil subsidies that benefit shareholders and invest in green energy that benefits America's young people. Like other low-income Americans, we college students are financially struggling to fill our gas tanks with the recent 55.4% increase in fuel prices reported by the American Automobile Association.

Meanwhile, CNBC reported the price per barrel decreased by 8%. ConocoPhillips, Chevron and Exxon Mobil saw profit increases of 1,400%, 184% and 57%, respectively, last year over pre-COVID profits. Price-gouging at the pump is unacceptable for the most-profitable corporations and the most heavily tax-subsidized industry in the United States.

Conservative estimates put U.S. direct tax subsidies to the fossil fuel industry at approximately \$20 billion per year. Exxon Mobil receives one of the largest tax subsidies (\$4 billion a year) and has reported second-quarter earnings of \$44.9 billion for this fiscal year. Shareholders of Exxon Mobil are filling their wallets while taxpayers are struggling to fill their gas tanks.

Fuel industry subsidies were created to lower the cost of fossil fuel production and incentivize new domestic energy sources, not increase the profits of shareholders. It's time we end fuel industry tax subsidies and invest in new green energy sources for the future. Demand an increase in solar tax credits and incentives for mitigating climate change that benefits the American people. It's time to free the American people from their dependency on oil and invest in our future.

ANDRU VOLINSKY,
Concord.

TRIBUTE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER'S MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Denver's Men's Hockey team on winning the 2022 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship.

It's the ninth time that the University of Denver Pioneers have won the Frozen Four Championship. After a tremendous 2021–2022 season where the team recorded 31 wins, 9 losses and 1 tie, the University of Denver Pioneers are now tied for the most all-time NCAA National Hockey Championships, and only the second team in NCAA history that has won the championship nine times.

On Saturday, April 9, 2022, the DU men's ice hockey team defeated the Minnesota State University Mavericks 5–1 to win this year's championship. Pioneers goaltender Magnus Chrona was widely credited for making 27 saves in the championship game, holding the Mavericks to just one score and giving his team a chance to take the lead in the third period.

It was then that Senior Ryan Barrow, Brett Stapley and Cameron Wright, along with Sophomore Mike Benning and Freshman Massimo Rizzo each scored for the Pioneers to seal the 5–1 victory and the school's first championship since 2017.

For his remarkable play throughout the series, Denver's Mike Benning was named the

tournament's Most Outstanding Player. He, along with Denver's Goalie Magnus Chrona and Forwards Carter Savoie and Ryan Barrow, were also named as members of this year's all-tournament team.

Winning doesn't come easy. And for many of the players on this year's championship team, Saturday's victory was the culmination of a lifetime of hard work and dedication to their sport. It's also a testament, not only to the talent and skill of every player on this year's championship team, but to the University of Denver itself—and the incredible culture they have created there.

What made this year's team so special was that every single player gave everything they had to help their team win. That collective spirit is a credit to Pioneers' Head Coach David Carle and his entire staff, who deserve a tremendous amount of credit for what this team has accomplished.

At age 32, Head Coach David Carle is now the fourth youngest head coach ever to win an NCAA Division I Men's Hockey championship—and our entire community cannot wait to see what he and the entire program accomplish next.

I know all my colleagues in the House and Senate join me in congratulating the University of Denver Men's Hockey team for a remarkable season and an incredible ninth national championship victory this past weekend.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF LEONARD LAWSON

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Leonard Lawson, my long-time friend and trusted advisor, who literally moved mountains in Kentucky and our neighboring states.

Leonard's astute business leadership and savvy partnerships led to his rise as a giant in the transportation industry, becoming a leader across the Commonwealth and nationally-renowned among industry experts for the companies he built to transform Kentucky and beyond. In fact, his companies' portfolios include more than \$10 billion in highway and airport infrastructure projects across Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Indiana, and Ohio, including interstate construction and widening projects, working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and completing local development projects.

Although his success was widely applauded and criticized by the media over the years, Leonard was a very private man who came from humble beginnings. He grew up without many resources, and he and his wife, Bonnie, were both proud graduates of the Red Bird Christian School, a small private school nestled in the Appalachian Mountains of Clay County, Kentucky. Struggling to sustain the costs of operating such a courageous mission at the school, the Lawsons raised and donated enough money to reopen its doors, ensuring future students could live in the dormitory throughout high school, as Bonnie did. The Red Bird Christian School became one of many philanthropic endeavors that the Lawsons invested in. Before being diagnosed

with cancer, Leonard generated enough funds to start and eventually expand the Leonard Lawson Cancer Center at Pikeville Medical Center. Last year alone, his generosity helped provide treatment to nearly 3,600 patients who otherwise would have driven hours for the same medical care. Despite losing his own battle with cancer, I am confident that his legacy cancer center will extend lifesaving hope to countless patients in the future.

Many of us dream of ways to win the tireless war on poverty and how to change the course of generational challenges in Kentucky's Appalachian region, but Leonard skillfully managed to do his part to make a lasting difference and systemically impacted access to better roads and much-needed medical care in the mountains.

Eastern Kentucky will be a different place without him. I'll miss our fishing trips and casting visionary plans together to help our beloved home region. Leonard's small stature could not contain the insurmountable hope he had for a brighter future in southern and eastern Kentucky. He leaves behind an expansive legacy that will live on in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky for many years. My wife, Cynthia, and I extend our deepest heartfelt condolences to Bonnie and the entire Lawson family.

HONORING DANIEL M. GEB'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Daniel Geb of Allen Park, Michigan, on the occasion of his 80th Birthday. His continued service to our community is worthy of commendation.

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, he is a graduate of John Pershing High School. A proud Teamster, he worked at Hudson's until his retirement. A well-known activist in Southeast Michigan, Mr. Geb was invited to join the Michigan Committee to Protection Pensions in the fight to protect hard-earned Teamster retiree pensions. He travelled all over the country with the committee, including throughout the Midwest and to the Nation's capital to advocate for his union brothers and sisters. Described by his peers as a true fighter, whether it's in conversations with heavy-hitter legislators or battling health issues, Dan always perseveres and comes out on top.

No stranger to Michigan politics, Mr. Geb is a friend to many elected officials and advocates in our State. President of the Allen Park Democratic Club, he has an unmatched memory for historic political events and has attended numerous conventions and events through his life. According to his friends, he knows more representatives, has been to, and remembers the time, the dates, the people there, and the outcome of political events better than anyone. There hasn't been a person who has met Dan that didn't like him; his warmth, kindness, and passion for his country shines through with everything that he does, and we are truly lucky to have him in our downriver community. A lifelong Michigander, Mr. Geb continues to reside in Allen Park, Michigan.